

REMARKS

Early consideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 17-24 will be pending in the present application. Claims 1-16 have been cancelled.

The specification has been amended above to state the priority claim of the present application, as required under current U.S. Patent Office law. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the above amendments to the specification be approved.

Applicant notes that claims 17-24 pending in the present application correspond to the method claims restricted out of the parent application. As these are method claims, applicant notes that the Examiner's refusal to give patentable weight to the functional language set forth in the apparatus claims of the parent application do not apply. Thus, the two-shot molding language must be given patentable weight. Applicant respectfully submits that when full consideration is given to each element of the claimed invention, it will be appreciated that the present invention is not taught or suggested by the references cited in the parent application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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